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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Duran DATE TYPED 2/4/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Voter Identification Requirements SB 244

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			See Narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 410

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Attorney General

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 244 proposes to require at-site absentee voters and at-site election day voters to show identification to vote on a standard ballot. If identification is not available, the voters will be required to vote on a provisional ballot.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant fiscal implications associated with this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Attorney General's Office notes there may be a high rate of provisional ballots until voters remember to bring identification with them to the polling site.

DUPLICATION

Senate Bill 244 duplicates House Bill 410.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Attorney General's Office notes the bill does not appear to require identification for by-mail absentee ballots.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

New Mexico law currently requires voters to show identification prior to casting a ballot in only limited circumstances (i.e. first time voters who register to vote by mail and do not submit an identifying document). This bill would apply the identification requirement more broadly.

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